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Ms. Kristina Heister Natural Resource Manager Valley Forge National Historical Park 1400 North Outer Line Drive King of Prussia, PA 19406

Subject: Final White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Valley Forge National Historical Park, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania August 2009 (CEQ # 20090293)

Dear Ms. Heister:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document. The purpose of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is to develop a deer management plan that supports protection, preservation, and restoration of native vegetation and other natural and cultural resources at the Park. The purpose of the Plan/FEIS also is to provide appropriate response to chronic wasting disease at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Based on our review we have no objections to the proposed projects. We suggest you continue to coordinate with other agencies regarding deer management issues. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Okorn at (215)814-3330.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rudnick NEPA Team Leader

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